

2. Amendments to the claims.

- 1 1. (*original*) A device for holding a bucket of chum submerged in water, comprising:
 - 2 a) a cylindrical containing component having a lower edge and an upper edge;
 - 4 b) a circular bottom component being permanently attached to said lower edge of said cylindrical containing component;
 - 5 c) a toroidal sleeve being fixedly located near said upper edge of said cylindrical containing component;
 - 7 d) a drawstring cooperating with said upper edge of said cylindrical containing component and pulling said upper edge closed for captivating the bucket of chum held within said device; and
 - 11 e) a welting having edges;
- 12 wherein said cylindrical containing component is fabricated out of sheet material;
- 13 wherein said sheet material is rectangular and has an upper edge, a lower edge, and two side edges;
- 15 wherein said upper edge of said sheet material is said upper edge of said cylindrical containing component;
- 17 wherein said lower edge of said sheet material is said lower edge of said cylindrical containing component;
- 19 wherein said sheet material has two side edges that are stitched together;

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20 wherein said sheet material has a first plurality of orifices therein for permitting
21 chum matter to passthrough;

22 wherein said sheet material has a second plurality of orifices inline therein for
23 cooperating with said drawstring that is threaded therethrough;

24 wherein said sheet material has a longitudinal area extending between said first
25 plurality of orifices and said second plurality of orifices, fabricates said toroidal
26 sleeve, and has a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge;

27 wherein said toroidal sleeve is fabricated by attaching said first longitudinal edge
28 of said longitudinal area and said second longitudinal edge of said longitudinal
29 area together;

30 wherein said sheet material is flexible plastic material;

31 wherein said circular bottom component is fabricated out of sheet material having
32 at least one orifice therein for permitting the chum matter to pass through;

33 wherein said circular bottom component has a circumference and is permanently
34 attached by stitching near said circumference thereof and near said lower edge of
35 said cylindrical containing component;

36 wherein said edges of said welting are sewn in between said circumference of said
37 circular bottom component and said lower edge of said cylindrical containing
38 component; and

39 wherein said sheet material is flexible plastic material.

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2-3 (*canceled*)

1 4. (*original*) The device as defined in claim 1, wherein said toroidal sleeve has foam
2 floatation element housed therein.

1 5-9 (*canceled*)

1 10. (*withdrawn*) A method of fabricating a device for holding a bucket of chum
2 submerged in water comprising the steps of:
3 a) forming a circular bottom component;
4 b) forming a rectangular sheet of material having a first plurality of orifices
5 therein for permitting chum matter to pass through;
6 c) forming an upper edge mechanism on said rectangular sheet of material
7 for cooperating with a drawstring;
8 d) forming a sleeve by stitching together, a first longitudinal edge and a
9 second longitudinal, edge of a longitudinal area of said rectangular sheet
10 of material, for housing a foam floatation element;
11 e) forming a cylindrical containing component by stitching two side edges of
12 said rectangular sheet of material together;

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